SIMLEZA - Africa RISING meeting 28-29 May 2013

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| **Tuesday 28 May** |  |  |
| 8:30 | Welcome and background of meeting | I. Hoeschle-Zeledon, Africa RISING Coordinator |
| 8:45 | Welcome and expectations of USAID mission | B. Martalus, USAID, Zambia |
| 9:00 | Introduction of participants |  |
| 9:15 | Presentation of Africa RISING research goals, design, and approach in ESA | M. Bekunda, Africa RISING |
| 10:15 | Africa RISING implementation and experience in Kongwa/Kiteto - Tanzania | P. Okori, Africa RISING |
| 10:455 | Break |  |
| 11:15 | Africa RISING implementation and experience in Babati - Tanzania | M. Bekunda, Africa RISING |
| 11:45 | Africa RISING implementation and experience in Ntcheu and Dedza - Malawi | R. Chikowo, Africa RISING |
| 12:15 | Presentation of SIMLEZA goals, research design, and approach in Eastern Province; implementation experience | P. Setimela et al., SIMLEZA |
| 13:00 | Break |  |
| 14:30 | Presentation on site characterization and M&E plans in Eastern Province | N.N.,SIMLEZA, B. Haile, Africa RISING |
| 15:15 | Africa RISING Farming Systems Analysis | Lotte Klapwijk, IITA/WUR |
| 15:45 | Break |  |
| 16:15 | Presentation of Africa RISING Partnership models in ESA | I. Hoeschle-Zeledon, Africa RISING |
| 16:45 | SIMLEZA partnerships | P. Setimela, SIMLEZA |
| 17:00 | End of day |  |
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| **Wednesday 29 May** |  |  |
| 8:30 | Presentation and discussion of SIMLEZA Innovation Platform concept and Africa RISING R4D Platform concept | P. Setimela , M. Bekunda |
| 9:30 | Group work on commonalities, differences, opportunities for synergies |  |
| 10:30 | Break |  |
| 11:00 | Presentation of group work and discussion | Plenary |
| 11:45 | Discussion on potential sites for Africa RISING interventions | Plenary |
| 12:15 | Information of potential level of investment by Africa RISING and SIMLEZA during next season | I. Hoeschle-Zeledon, Africa RISING  B. Martalus, USAID, Zambia |
| 12:30 | Break |  |
| 14:00 | Group work on future joint research priorities, research team composition, partnerships under different funding scenarios |  |
| 15:45 | Break |  |
| 16:15 | Presentation of group work and final discussion | Plenary |
| 17:00 | Identification of next steps and responsibilities in preparation of September 6-7 meeting |  |
| 17:30 | End of meeting |  |